## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

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) Case No.
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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## NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO FEDERAL COURT

COME NOW Defendants Stephen Ogunjobi and Jacob Stein (collectively referred to herein as "Defendants"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), and notify this Court of the removal of the case styled *Marcus Hunt v. Steven Ogunjobi*, *et al.*, Cause No. 2022-CC09356, from the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. As grounds for removal, Defendants state as follows:

- 1. On July 17, 2020, Plaintiff Marcus Hunt ("Plaintiff") filed his 4-count lawsuit against Defendants in the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, styled as *Marcus Hunt v. Steven Ogunjobi*, et al., Cause No. 2022-CC09356.
- Count I of Plaintiff's Petition alleges that Defendant Ogunjobi violated his First
   Amendment rights.
- 3. Count II of Plaintiff's Petition alleges that Defendants violated Plaintiff's Fourth Amendment rights.

- 4. Count III of Plaintiff's Petition asserts a claim for failure to intervene against Defendants, alleging that the Defendants were present before and during the alleged violation of Plaintiff's First and Fourth Amendment rights.
- 5. Count IV of Plaintiff's Petition asserts a claim against Defendant Ogunjobi for false arrest/false imprisonment.
- 6. This Court has original jurisdiction over Plaintiff's Constitutional claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because this District and Division embrace the place in which the removed action has been pending.
- 8. Pursuant to Local Rule 2.03, a copy of all process, pleadings, orders and other documents on file in the State court are attached hereto.
- 9. Defendants were served on August 12, 2020. Defendants have removed this case within thirty days thereafter. Such removal is timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) and *Murphy Brothers, Inc. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, Inc.*, 526 U.S. 344, 354-355 (1999).
- 10. Defendants herewith submit the filing fee in the amount of \$400.00 and the proof of filing the notice of removal with the clerk and state court.

WHEREFORE, Defendants petition this Court for removal of *Marcus Hunt v. Steven Ogunjobi*, *et al.*, Cause No. 2022-CC09356, from the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, to this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on **September 11, 2020** the foregoing Notice was filed with the Court for service by means of Notice of Electronic Filing and sent via email and U.S. mail to:

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